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THERMAL BARRIER COATING METHOD,
MASKING PIN AND COMBUSTOR
TRANSITION PIECE :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 4, 2008, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1, 2, 7-12, 18, 23, 28, 33, 38 and 43, drawn to a thermal barrier coating method where masking pins that do not protrude are used, without traverse, for further prosecution. Further, the Applicant hereby elects Species A. Claims 1, 2, 7-11, 18, 23, 28, 33 and 38 read on the elected species.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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